Poaching of migratory birds at Chilka lake in Orissa

2112. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large scale poaching of migratory birds is continuing at the Chilka lake in Orissa; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to save the migrating birds at Chilka lake?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Precautionary measures have, however, been taken to protect the migratory birds. These include posting of protection staff and regular patrolling throughout the lake with motor boats.

New irrigation projects pending with Central Water Commission for clearance

2113. *KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:* Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new irrigation projects pending with the Central Water Commission for clearance at present;

(b) the time normally taken in clearing the projects; and

(c) by when the projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) 231.

(b) and (c) About two years for major projects if these are in accordance with the prescribed guidelines and settlement of comments is done promptly by the State authorities.

Research project to identify sources of pollution in Ganga

2114. SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some senior faculty members of Banaras Hindu University are working on a crucial research project to identify precise sources of pollution in the Ganga; if so, how much of the work has been finished and what are the findings so far; and

(b) whether there is any move to wind up the project; if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The Integrated Eco-Development Action Oriented Research Programme on river Ganga Basin comprising 49 studies is being undertaken by 14 Universities located along the river Ganga. Out of these, 14 studies are being undertaken by the Banaras Hindu University with different faculty members functioning as principal investigators. Out of the 14 studies, 6 deal with physico-chemical characteristics of the river including one dealing with identification of sources of pollution; 5 studies deal with the biological profile of the river, and 2 pertain to water borne diseases and socio-economic aspects. The remaining item is for provision of instrument facilities for carrying out the various studies.

(b) The study projects entrusted to BHU were sanctioned in March, 1985 with a time frame of 3 years to be concluded by March, 1988. A special Task Force comprising eminent scientists is monitoring and coordinating the progress of work. The principal investigators have been requested to furnish the outcome of the studies. The findings from the studies are to be evaluated and presented after the reports are reviewed by the Task Force.

बुनकरों द्वारा "जेल भरो" आन्दोलन

2115. **डा. रत्नाकर पाण्डेय** : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कई राज्यों में बुनकरों ने "जेल भरो" आन्दोलन आरम्भ कर दिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनकी मांगें क्या हैं ; और

(ग) उन पर सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री राम निवास मिर्धा) : (क) और (ख) जी हां, सरकार ऐसे प्रदर्शनों से अवगत है । अभ्यावेदन अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ मिल क्षेत्र में अधिकांश मिलों के बंद होने, वस्त्र कामगारों के बीच में बेरोजगारी सूती धागे की कीमतों में वृद्धि जनता कपड़े पर आर्थिक सहायता तथा वर्तमान वस्त्र नीति में संशोधन के बारे में है ।

(ग) जून 1985 की वस्त्र नीति अपने आप में संतुलित है, जिसकी कई महत्वपूर्ण विशेषताएं है, जिनका उद्देश्य तीन क्षेत्रों अर्थात हथकरघा, विद्युत चालित करघा तथा वस्त्र उद्योग की मिलों का सुव्यवस्थित तथा एकीकृत विकास करना है । नीति की समय-समय पर सरकार द्वारा समीक्षा की जाती है और सम्पूर्ण उद्योग तथा इसमें लगे लोगों के सामने आने वाली कठिनाइयों को दूर करने के लिए सुधारात्मक उपाय किए जाते हैं । सरकार ने जुलाई, 1987 से स्टेपल रूई के निर्यात को बंद कर दिया है । यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए किस सूती धागे के निर्यात रूई तथा सूती धागे की घरेलू उपलब्धता को प्रभावित नही करते, सूती धागे, सूती कपड़ों तथा तैयार कपड़ों के निर्यात के बदले रूई के आयात की अनुमति अग्रिम लाइसेन्स के आधार पर दी गई है । सरकार ने जनता कपड़े पर आर्थिक सहायता 2 रु० प्रति वर्ग मीटर बढ़ाकर 2.75 रु० प्रति वर्गमीटर करने की घोषणा की है ।

Clearance of Srisailam Left Bank Canal Scheme

2116. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a detailed project report was prepared for Rs. 353 crores for Srisailam Left Bank Canal Scheme from the foreshore of Nagarjunsagar Reservoir and the same was submitted to the Central Water Commission on the 25th October, 1986 by the Andhra Pradesh Government for Central clearance; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Andhra Pradesh has been requested to establish water availability for the project.

Comment by NABARD for work done by West Bengal under Rural Development

@2117. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the comments of the NABARD regarding the work done by the West Bengal Government under rural development programmes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent possible.

@Previously Unstarred Question 1938, transferred from the 11th March, 1988.